

II. REMARKS

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-5, and 16-21 are currently pending. Claim 5, 16, and 20 have been amended without prejudice. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-4 and 17-19 are allowable.

B. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

In the Office Action, claims 5, 16, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, by the Examiner for insufficient antecedent basis for certain limitations in the claims.

In response claims 5 and 20 have been amended without prejudice to remove the compounds having insufficient antecedent basis. In addition, claim 16 has been amended without prejudice to remove the term "bulk powders."

In view of the amendments, removal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 is respectfully requested.

C. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

In the Office Action, claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) "as being anticipated by Bergmann et al." The Examiner stated that "Bergmann et al. teaches a buffed solution containing 3, 8-dimethylhypoxanthine.

In response, it is respectfully submitted the Bergmann et al. fail to teach a pharmaceutical composition as recited in claim 21 wherein the composition is "in the form of **a solid dosage form**." (*emphasis added*).

As Bergmann et al fail to describe a solid dosage form, removal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 is respectfully requested.

D. Conclusion

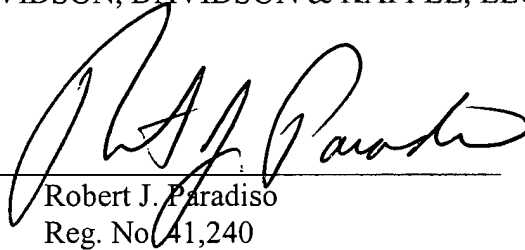
In view of the amendments and arguments presented, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below if he believes that a telephonic interview will advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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